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CITIES OUTSTRIP COUNTRY

According to figures announced by the census bureau, the cities of this country are increasing in population seven and one-half times as fast as the rural districts. The figures cover 80 percent of the complete census and indicate that the final count will show the majority of the population to be city dwellers. For the last ten years rural growth has been but one third as great as in the previous decade but the cities almost maintained their rate of growth, getting five new inhabitants from 1910 to 1920 for each six during the previous ten years. All population centers, even the small country hamlets and towns showed a greater proportionate increase than the purely rural districts but the greatest increase was in cities of more than 10,000 population. The bureau attempts no explanation of the growth of cities over the rural districts but the reasons for it are self-evident. Shorter working hours, higher wages, and home conveniences attracted the rural population, especially during the war when wages in the big industrial centers went up rapidly.

The estimated increase for the country as a whole is approximately 13,000,000 of which 12,000,000 have settled in cities of 2,500 or more leaving a gain for the rural districts of only about 1,000,000 persons. Such a movement of the people will place the urban population at approximately 54,000,000 and the rural population at 30,000,000. In 1910 the rural population was almost seven million greater than the city population. This movement to the cities has been noticeable for several decades but has never been so marked as now. The percent of increase in cities has been 25.2 while in the villages and country districts it has only been 3.4. In strictly farm territory it has fallen to 3.2 percent.

Such figures as these merely point out that considerably less than half of the people of this nation are engaged in producing food articles. It does not speak well for a future drop in living costs to see such a movement away from the farms. It is true that not so many farmers are needed today to produce the same amount of food as formerly for inventions have lightened the manual labor of the farmer and are now doing many jobs formerly requiring a large number of men to perform them. But the movement has become too marked to pass without thought, for the food supply of this country is of permanent importance and must be safeguarded.

SENATOR PITTMAN QUILTS THE CAMPAIGN

An almost complete breakdown of the Democratic campaign in the west is shown in the discharge of a large number of clerks at headquarters in San Francisco and the statement of Senator Key Pittman that the campaign has practically gone to smash. Stacks of Democratic literature are lying at the Palace Hotel in that city waiting to be sent out but those few clerks who remain are sitting around wondering which one will be chopped off the payroll next. The statement of Senator Pittman practically throws up the sponge for Phelan in California and for California in the west. It has long been known that the Democrats had little hope in the west but it was not thought that they so completely dispaired of carrying any of the states.

The reason assigned for the complete breakdown of the Democratic campaign is the lack of money to carry on the fight. Regular democratic contributors cannot see where a contribution is going to do any good and the brigade of federal office holders is understood to have backed away from the contribution box in the belief that they are due to lose their jobs, no matter who is elected. They know they are sure to go if Harding wins and they are afraid that Cox will replace them if he is successful because sentiment in the west was strong for McAdoo and Cox is the kind of a man who never forgets or forgives opposition to himself. It is said that Senator Pittman advanced several thousand dollars toward the financing of the campaign and knew that the Democratic National Committee refuses to support the west financially, the senator has decided that the fight is hopeless and is content to allow it to go by default. A victory for the Republicans was practically certain in the west this year but the shutting down of democratic activities doubly assures the victory.

GET RICH QUICK SCHEMES

From all over the country come complaints of the operations of get rich quick promoters. They mail their seductive literature persuading the inexperienced with city tongues. Many newspapers publish their enticing advertisements without question. The craze to buy fake securities and take gambling chances is proceeding upon a large scale. This would not be so bad if only the fools who invested were the losers but legitimate industry throughout the nation is the loser. It is a drain upon the wealth of the nation and hair-brained speculators and smart crooks are gathering in a large share of the wealth of this country on their gambling schemes. Meanwhile the honest industries, upon which the people depend for employment, cannot borrow money enough at a decent rate of interest so that they can keep running at full time.

A number of states have adopted drastic legislation touching upon this matter, commonly called "blue sky laws." But there is a question if the separate states can deal adequately with this problem. If promoters are forbidden to operate in Nevada, guileful people in this commonwealth will be enticed by advertisements in newspapers which come from outside. It is time for a nation wide drive against get rich quick promoters. If the constitution of the United States will not permit of adequate legislation, then the constitution should be amended to permit such action. The promotion of these schemes on a large scale is a comparatively new development, and is an outgrowth of the war. Formerly the man of small means kept his money in the local banks but now a lot of them have get rich quick ideas and are easy prey for those more experienced in financial affairs. Unless there is a stop put to the exploitation of them, a vast amount of good money which should go to the building up of permanent industries in this country, is going to be wasted.

The supreme court of Maine has decreed that a woman need not tell her age in order to vote. The recent returns from the Pine

Tree state showed that those who cast their ballots were fully old enough to vote.

Political Announcements

C. F. "CHARLES" WITTENBERG

REGULAR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

For the Office of

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Short Term)

ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

L. E. "LARRY" GLASS

(INCUMBENT)

REGULAR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

FOR THE OFFICE OF

County Clerk and Treasurer

OF NYE COUNTY

ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

MARVIN L. ARNOLD

REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR

ASSEMBLYMAN

ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

D. J. FITZGERALD

REGULAR DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR

STATE SENATOR

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

RAY W. PIERCY

Regular Republican Candidate for

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

of Nye County

ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

J. G. THOMPSON

Regular Republican Nominee for

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

of Nye County

ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

HARRY McNAMARA

REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

For the Office of

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Short Term)

ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1929

BEN W. COLEMAN

(INCUMBENT)

Non-Partizan Candidate for

Justice of the Supreme Court

MRS. LIDA GILBERT

REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

for the office of

AUDITOR AND RECORDER

of Nye County

General Election November 2, 1929

JOHN BARRIER

(INCUMBENT)

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Sheriff and Assessor

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